

ABAC Meeting Minutes for June 4, 2007

Board members present were Jack Johnson, Stephan Miller, Ted Packard, Ron Sender, and Scott Smith. Joey Glushko and Jeff Roth also attended.

The meeting was called to order at 7:33

*The May minutes were approved with one amendment.

Update on recent events. BIKE-Arlington Tour. The weather was mixed. The rain held off until the last third of the ride, but we all had a good time anyway. We recapped the ride and decided to use the same route next year. Ted questioned whether the ride would be feasible with 100 people. We decided it could work with some preparation.

Redbones Bike Party. Jack told us that several hundred people attended the party and thousands of dollars were raised.

Planning for ABAC's booth at Arlington Town Day: Saturday September 8. The Boston Bike Map is currently out of print, so we will not be able to have it for sale at our table. We will sell the pocket ride maps. We discussed new ideas for the table. We talked about some display or presentation about bike commuting. A map showing the connections to other bike paths from the Minuteman was another idea put forth.

Status on current projects: Bike rack order. Joey showed us a spreadsheet showing the bike racks she has ordered. The new racks will be located at the Old Schwamb Mill, Town Hall, Window on the Mystic, Broadway Plaza, and at the Railroad street parking lot.

Update on snow-removal on bikeway (requested by Jeff Roth). Judith Lorei has written a letter to several of the selectmen. The Committee for Plowing the Trail will be sending out a brochure to the abutters to inform them about the idea. The committee is shooting for the plowing to start this winter for at least part of the path in Arlington. Ted suggested that it may be more economical for a contractor to do the job. Scott suggested a pilot project from Alewife to the Center.

Update on Bikeway user counts and intersection behavior. Scott showed us a sample of his form for recording counts on the bikeway and cross streets. The form was designed to quantify the possible friction between cyclists and autos. We decided that the form could be simplified somewhat. We discussed what the most important parameters to be measured. Ted suggested that we record actions rather than directions of travel. We will also get user counts including roller blades and pedestrians. Joey suggested that there is a program at the High School which might be interested in helping. She also suggested the council on aging may have some volunteers. Jack suggested that we focus on

Lake St. and Mill St. Scott reminded us that there aren't many accidents at these intersections. Scott is wishing to have this survey done in the early fall.

Update on ABAC's email list on Topica: not working well lately. Do we want to think about changing the list server? Jeff suggested Google as an alternative. Google doesn't require registration with Google to participate in a list. Ron told us that the Library might have some system we could use. We decided to stick with Topica for the present.

General discussion. Joey told us that Town Day applications will be on-line this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24

*Denotes a vote was taken.

Minutes submitted by Stephan Miller.